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1. In early June 1955, the militia unit at Chengwei (N 24-10, E 117-58) consisted of six squads of eleven men each. They were equipped with 29 rifles, 30 caliber, and two submachine guns.¹ The 30-caliber rifles had foreign figures on the rear of the barrel assembly and used a clip of five rounds. 25X1
2. Militiamen patrolled the beach in groups of three for two-hour periods. Each group had duty every third night. Each rifle bearer was issued two grenades.² 25X1
The beaches in the Chengwei area were not mined or protected by barbed wire.
3. One company of army troops was stationed at Chiangk'ou (N 24-13, E 117-59). 25X1
4. In July 1954 one company of Chinese Communist marines moved into the Chengwei area. Their equipment consisted of seven motor junks, three rubber-tired artillery pieces, and light and heavy machine guns. Individual troops carried weapons resembling Suomi submachine guns. One new barracks was completed in late January 1955. On 5 February 1955 this company moved out, stating that it was going to Amoy for training and would return in April. By 14 June 1955 the company had not returned to the Chengwei area.

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